

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 18, and 19 are amended to include the aspects of Claims 9 and 13, which were indicated as being allowable in the previous Office Action. Claims 9 and 12-17 have been cancelled and new Claims 20 and 21 have been added.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-12, and 14-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious in view of the Inventi, Dickens, Stassi, Hwang, Kaur, and Caruso references. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious in view of the Inventi, Dickens, Stassi, Hwang, Kaur, Caruso, and Lomovskaya references. Claims 9 and 13 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. As the pending claims have been amended to include the aspects of Claims 9 and 13 and because Claims 12 and 14-17 have been cancelled, it is submitted that the rejection has been rendered moot by the claim amendments and it is requested that the rejections of Claims 1-8, 10-11, 18, and 19 be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since this Amendment: (a) does not raise any new issue regarding further search and/or consideration since it clarifies issues already discussed in the prosecution and in the Personal Interview; (b) does not present any additional claims; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 101615-00009.

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Respectfully submitted,

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